

# ATTACHMENT A

## Remarks

As reported by the examiner to the undersigned, the US PTO evidently did not receive the Article 34 amendments (from the PCT/IPER) containing amended pages 1-4, 9 and 11-13 from WIPO for the above identified national stage application. Therefore, as the amended claims contained in the Preliminary Amendment filed on January 14, 2002 did not amend the claims of record in this national stage application (they amended the international stage amended claims of the Article 34 amendments contained on pages 11-13), the examiner requested that the desired claim changes be effected in this national stage application consistent with the international (original) claims now of record.

In response to this request, this second Preliminary Amendment requests that the previous Preliminary Amendment be withdrawn and that the present Second Preliminary Amendment be entered. This Second Preliminary Amendment cancels the original claims 1-11 and adds new claims 12-19. New claims 12-19 are the same as those amended claims 1-8 presented in the first filed Preliminary Amendment, but these claims are re-numbered in view of the need to take the original claims 1-11 into account.

Further and favorable action is solicited.

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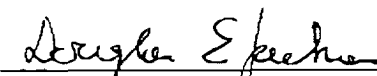
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